

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Applicants' representative appreciates the Examiner's acknowledgement that claims 20-26 are allowable. Claims 1 and 27 have been amended as shown on pp. 2 and 6 of the Reply. Specifically, the amendments incorporate the allowable claim limitations in the independent claims along with any limitations from intervening claims that are required to support the allowable limitations as conveyed to the Examiner over the telephone on October 13, 2008. Specifically, independent claims 1 and 27 have been amended to incorporate the allowable limitations of independent claim 20. Accordingly, it is submitted that no new search is required and it is respectfully requested that the amendments be entered. Applicants' representative believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, which prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-15, 17-19, and 27 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-15, 17-19, and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bigus, *et al.* (US 2004/0083454). This rejection should be withdrawn for at least the following reasons. As discussed *supra*, independent claims 1 and 27 have been amended to incorporate novel limitations from allowable claim 20. Thus, the rejection of claims 1-15, 17-19, and 27 is moot in view of the amendments to the independent claims and accordingly it is requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

II. Rejection of Claim 16 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claim 16 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bigus, *et al.* (US 2004/0083454) in view of Graf (US 6,212,581). This rejection should be withdrawn for at least the following reasons. Claim 16 depends from independent claim 1. Independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate novel limitations from allowable claim 20. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 16 is moot in view of the amendments to independent claim 1 and thus should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [MSFTP520US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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